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Publisher’s Note

The first lesson given to Adam ﷺ after his creation was the knowledge of names, which established his superiority over the angels, and became the reason for their prostration to him. Although the Holy Qur’ān does not give the names that Adam ﷺ was taught, it does say that the earliest form of knowledge imparted to man by his Creator was the knowledge of names. The first lesson also established the identity of objects and human beings from the beginning. Through the Holy Qur’ān the Creator got Himself identified by His Name (Allāh) and reinforced this identity through His various Attributive Names, asserting that one can call Him by anyone of His beautiful names, as the Holy Qur’ān says:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ﴾

“The Most Beautiful Names belong to Allāh.”

Besides the identity of the individual, names also reflect the religion, moral values, nation and the country of persons. Therefore, neonate babies should be given good names. Children are a great blessing of Allāh, termed as blossoms of Paradise by the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ. The best way of expressing joy on the birth of a child is to express gratitude to Allāh for this favor. Feeling hurt and disappointed at the birth of a daughter is

against the norm of the books of names.

- ❖ Only selected names of beautiful meaning and sound have been given.

Indicator of vowel sounds have been used to ensure the correct pronunciation of the names.

A few undesirable names are also given so that the people may avoid such names.

The Islāmic injunctions and teachings about the birth of a baby have been taken from the book “*Ahkam-ul-Mawlud-ul-Muslim*” By Jamāl Zaki Hawarī رحمہ اللہ. This book is a truly distinct achievement among the books on this subject.

I conclude this introduction with the prayer that may Allāh bless us with the spirit to take care of the new generation and give them truly Islāmic, meaningful and beautiful names.

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Chapter:1

The Teachings and Injunctions about a Neonate Baby

- ❖ Congratulating on the Birth of a Baby
- ❖ Calling *Adhān* (Call for Prayer) in the Baby's Ear
- ❖ Details of *Tahnīk*, Shaving off the Head and its Implied Benefits.

bound by a covenant, old	wise
Ahmad (أَحْمَد) Eulogist, most praiser	‘ Alī (عَلِي) High, elevated, lofty, eminent
Ahmar (أَحْمَر) Red	Altāf (الطَّاف) Gentleness, benevolence
Ahsan (أَحْسَن) The best	Amānat (أَمَانَت) Trustworthiness, faithfulness, one who confides in everyone
‘ Ā'idh (عَائِد) Seeking shelter, wanting protection	Amīm (أَمِيم) Tall statured, high
‘ Ajlān (عَجَلَان) Hasty, speedy, quick	Amīn (أَمِين) Trusted, honest, confided in
Ajmal (أَجْمَل) Most beautiful, handsome	Amīr (أَمِير) Chief, leader, lord
Ajwād (أَجْوَاد) Generous, bountiful, munificent, sagacious	Amjad (أَمْجَد) Glorified, illustrious, more noble
Akhlāq (أَخْلَاق) Moral, ethics, manners	‘ Ammār (عَمَّار) To populate, make inhabited
‘ Ākif (عَاكِف) Devoted to, preserving in, keeping to	‘ Amr (عَمْرُو) Population, inhabited
Akīl (أَكِيل) Chum friend, boon companion, great eater	Amthal (أَمْثَل) Optimum, ideal, model
Akram (أَكْرَم) Most honorable, exalted, illustrious	Anīl (أَنِيل) To get, obtain, attain, achieve
‘ Alā' (عَلَاء) Highness, sublimity, dignity, superiority	Anīs (أَنِيس) Intimate friend, socialable, tamed
Albāb (الْبَاب) Intellectual,	

Ansar (أَنْصَر) Helpful, supportive	sagacious, skilful
Anwar (أَنْوَر) Illuminated, radiant, bright	‘ Ārif (عَارِف) Knowing, familiar with, patient
Anwār (أَنْوَار) Lights	‘ Arīf (عَرِيف) Chief inspector, overseer, monitor
Anzar (أَنْظَر) Observer, guardian, watcher	Arqam (أَرْقَم) Writer, sign bearer
‘ Āqīb (عَاقِب) Coming after	Arshad (أَرْشَد) Guide, directed
‘ Aqīb (عَقِيب) That which follows sequent, in order	As'ad (أَسْعَد) Luckiest, happiest, helper
‘ Aqīd (عَقِيد) Ally, confederate, bound, one who joins a contract	Asghar (أَصْغَر) Smaller, junior, minimal
‘ Aqil (عَاقِل) Wise, sensible, intelligent, sagacious	Ash'ar (أَشْعَر) Sensible, hairy, most knowing, poetical
‘ Aqīl (عَقِيل) Wise, intelligent, sensible	Ashfāq (أَشْفَاق) Pity, compassions
Aqmar (أَقْمَر) Bright with moon light, dusky white dingy	Āshir (عَاشِر) Tenth, one who receives the tithes
Aqra' (أَقْرَع) Knocker, to draw near home, to give the best	‘ Asīb (عَصِيب) Critical, crucial, serious, difficult
Aqwas (أَقْوَس) Sharp, clever, experienced	‘ Āsil (عَاسِل) Beehive, a gatherer of honey, praised, quivering
Ārib (آرِب) Shrewd,	‘ Āsim (عَاصِم) Protector, guardian, defender